
Remarks:

R4 Claims 1 to 9, 10a, 10b and 11 are pending in the application.

R5 The Examiner requisitions renumbering the claims. Applicant respectfully submits that the previous submission dated 6 December 2007 was believed to be fully responsive and compliant particularly in view of the Examiner's withdrawal of a similar previous requisition as stated at point 3 on page 2 of the final Office Action dated 07/02/2007. Claim 10a has been amended only to restore claim "10a" to --10--. In order for the amendment to be compliant with 37 U.S.C. §1.126, claim 10b has been canceled and reintroduced as new claim 12. In order for claim 11 not to be dependent from a subsequent claim, claim 11 has been canceled and reintroduced as new claim 13 dependent on new claim 12. The amendment is believed compliant with 37 U.S.C. §1.121 and §1.126.

R6 The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is strict specifying amending only the objected to claims section of the previous response. This restriction causes references to the claims in arguments presented in the accompanying response dated 6 December 2007 not to align with the current listing of the claims. Applicant proceeds under the belief that the Examiner took this misalignment into consideration in issuing the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment particularly in view of the previous withdrawal. Therefore, Applicant respectfully believes that this response is responsive and fully compliant.

R6 Claims 1 to 10, 12, and 13 are now pending in the application.

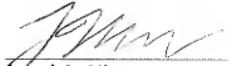
R7 It is submitted that no additional subject matter has been introduced by the amendment.

R8 No arguments are being presented herein.

Applicant respectfully submits that the above address all outstanding issues raised in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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